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SUBJ: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL, JULY 25-26, 1977:

TRADE ISSUES

REF: BRUSSELS 7057

1. SUMMARY:

DURING THEIR JULY 25-26 COUNCIL MEETING, THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS RECEIVED A REPORT ON THE RECENT TALKS BETWEEN THE EC COMMISSION AND STR STRAUSS. THE COUNCIL ALSO ENDORSED THE COMMISSION'S PAPER CONCERNING POSSIBLE U.S. COUNTERVAILING ACTION AGAINST REFUNDS OF VAT ON EC EXPORTS. END SUMMARY.

2. RESUMPTION OF MTN:

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EC COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT HAFERKAMP REPORTED TO THE COUNCIL ON THIS MONTH'S TALKS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND STR STRAUSS CONCERNING THE TIMETABLE FOR RESUMPTION OF THE MTN. THE COMMISSION SPOKESMAN TOLD REPORTERS THAT HAFERKAMP REPORTED AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED WITH THE U.S. ON THE NEED FOR DEVELOPING THE

OUTLINES OF A NEGOTIATING PACKAGE BY MID-JANUARY. THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT HAFERKAMP CHARACTERIZED THE CURRENT U.S. ADMINISTRATION AS "MORE CONSTRUCTIVE AND FLEXIBLE" THAN ITS PREDECESSOR ON TRADE QUESTIONS, EMPHASIZING THAT THE USG WOULD NOT CHALLENGE THE EC'S COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY. ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN, FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD SAID THE EC SHOULD NOT SUBMIT ITSELF TO RIGID TIME CONSTRAINTS IN THE MTN. HAFERKAMP REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED AGREEMENT, SAYING THAT EVEN THE U.S. HAD ABANDONED ITS FOUR-PHASE TIMETABLE, BUT NOTED THAT THE U.S. AND EC REMAINED COMMITTED TO ACHIEVING BY MID-JANUARY AN OVERALL VIEW ON THE POSITIONS, OFFERS AND DEMANDS OF ALL THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE NEGOTIATION, WITH A VIEW TO EMBARKING, IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS, ON THE FINAL PHASE.

3. VAT REFUNDS ON EC EXPORTS:

THE COUNCIL ENDORSED THE COMMISSION'S JUNE 22 COMMUNICATION (REFTEL) CONCERNING POSSIBLE U.S. COUNTERVAILING ACTION AGAINST VAT REFUNDS ON EC EXPORTS. HINTON

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